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SUBJECT: CROTHERS CASE

REF: STATE 53083

1. MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS MWAANGA HAS SUMMONED
AMBASSADOR FOR MARCH 19 APPOINTMENT, PURPOSE OF WHICH
UNSTATED, BUT CROTHERS' CASE MAY BE RAISED IN VIEW OF TWO
MEETINGS IN MOFA ON SUBJECT DURING MINISTER'S ABSENCE
FROM COUNTRY.

2. ACCORDINGLY SEEK DEPT'S CONCURRENCE ON
FOLLOWING STRATEGY TO BE EMPLOYED WITH MINISTER IF SUBJECT
ARISES AND/OR AT NEXT DISCUSSION MEETING WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MANDA AND HIS COUNSELOR, KRISHNADASAN.

3. WE OF OPINION THAT TIME HAS NOW COME TO FOLLOW
CANADIAN TACTIC AND STATE WHAT WE BELIEVE IS REASONABLY
FAIR FIGURE; THAT IS FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (STATE 38127).
WE WOULD EXPLAIN THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS EX GRATIA PAYMENT TO
BOTH LIVING WITNESSES AND IS LESS THAN PAYMENT MADE TO
CANADIANS, THUS SHOWING OUR PERCEPTION OF DIFFERENCES IN
POLITICAL SITUATIONS. WE INTEND HOLD TENACIOUSLY TO THIS
FIGURE, EXPLAINING IT AS A) ROCK BOTTOM, ARRIVED AT ONLY
AFTER CONTINUING, PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTATION BY DEPT WITH
CROTHERS, AND B) A FIGURE ALL SIDES COULD LIVE WITH, GIVEN
PHYSICAL PROBLEMS WHICH CROTHERS WILL HAVE FOR LIFE; GRZ
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DESIRE TO AVOID RECURRENCE OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY; AND USG

HOPE TO ELIMINATE A VEXING ALTHOUGH MINOR ISSUE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WOULD ADD THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WOULD KEEP ISSUE OPEN AND FESTERING.

4. ON POTENTIAL PUBLICITY PROBLEM, WE UNDERSTAND DRIJBER CONTINUES TO BE CAUSE FOR ANNOYANCE TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WITH FOLLOW-ON LETTERS OF DISSATISFACTION TO RANKING OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA AND TO GRZ BECAUSE HE WILL NOT LET GO OF ISSUE. FURTHER UNDERSTAND DRIJBER PLANNING TO COOPERATE WITH RHODESIANS IN CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR MAY TO ERECT MEMORIAL AT VICTORIA FALLS SITE. WE WONDER IF DRIJBER IN CONTACT WITH CROTHERS. IF SO, HE MAY BE URGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH CEREMONIES. IF CORTHERS SO DISPOSED AND DEPT COULD DISSUADE THEM FROM SUCH COURSE, THIS COULD BE AN ADDED FACTOR IN STIMULATING FAVORABLE GRZ RESPONSE TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR QUIT-CLAIM PAYMENT REQUEST.

5. PROPOSE USING SELECTED PARTS OF PARA 2 REFTTEL IN ANY PRESENTATION TO MWAANGA AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MANDA PENDING RECEIPT SWORN STATEMENT. BELIEVE THIS DATA GENERALLY SUPPORTS REASONABLENESS OF SETTLEMENT FIGURE WE WOULD PROPOSE, ALTHOUGH CONSIDER CROTHERS EXPLANATION OF NON-RETURN TO WORK HARDLY CREDIBLE IN VIEW OF MEDICAL ADVICE.

6. GIVEN CROTHERS PRESENT ATTITUDE (PARA 3 REFTTEL), ASSUME DEPT HAS ASSURED THEM EMBASSY INDEED WORKING ON THEIR BEHALF AND PRESSING THIS CLAIM WITH VIGOR, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD REMEMBER IT IS POLITICAL AND NOT A LEGAL SETTLEMENT AND IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS DIRECT COMPENSATION.

7. SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 18 THAT HE WAS "SURE SOMETHING SATISFACTORY COULD BE WORKED OUT," EVEN AFTER AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TWO SIDES WERE FAR APART.
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